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FILING CERTIFICATE

Application No. : 2,424,320
Expected Laid-Open Date : 2004/09/27
Title of Invention : CANOPY LIFT SYSTEM
Applicant(s) : HEBRON, KEITH H.
Inventor(s) : HEBRON, KEITH H.

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Your Reference :

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within instrument is a
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Certified this 15 day of November A.D. 2005.

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November 16, 2005

Attention: Lorli L. Coletta, Examiner, Art Unit 3612

Subject: Application No. 10/783,294 – Hebron, Keith H.

Dear Madam:

The attached correspondence is in response to your office action summary dated October 10, 2005.

Under detailed action;

Priority (1) – find attached a certified copy of the Canada 2,424,320 application as required by U.S.C. 119(b), with the filing date of 2003/03/27

Information Disclosure Statement (2) – as I do not have Form PTO-892, attached is the description of prior art under the format you requested.

Drawings (3) – an application under 37 CFR 1.84(a) (2) was not requested, therefore, please eliminate the photographs from this application.

Claim Objections (4) and (5) and Claim Rejections (6) and (7) - they have been rectified through the editing and revision of the claim statement and attached as per your suggestion.

Claim Rejections (8) to (10) –

Claim Rejection (9) -

- a. Hoffman '062 provides specifically a power actuator for only a tonneau cover, not a canopy, not a topper, nor anything else. The difference between a tonneau cover lifting from the front of a truck bed and a canopy lifting from the side of a vehicle bed is quite substantive in size and weight, the canopy being much larger and heavier.
- b. Hoffman '062 only provides a front panel hinge for connection to the head of the bed while my claim is to hinge the sides of a canopy to the vehicle bed.
- c. The Hoffman apparatus uses a trolley in a linear track with motor driven drive cables to impart forward and reverse motion. My power mechanism has no drive cables, and relies on a simple lift arm with a double brake ball screw actuator, or an optional hydraulic cylinder. There are hundreds of actuators in all sizes and shapes all with distinctive actions, purpose, and power sources. It is my opinion the Hoffman '062 claim 2 is too vague as to its description and power sources.



DESCRIPTION OF PRIOR ART

1.	US-3,954,296	May 8, 1974	Patnode, Le Roy	296/10
2.	4,101,162	January 6, 1977	Koehn, Leland	296/100.1
3.	4,277,098	Sept. 18, 1978	Gibney, Lloyd	296/100.09
4.	4,420,181	June 4, 1981	Hallburg, Wayne	296/157
5.	4,768,824	October 16, 1986	Andonian, Garbis	296/165
6.	5,102,185	August 16, 1990	Lake, William H.R.	296/165
7.	5,503,450	October 3, 1994	Miller, Aden C.	296/100.8
8.	5,909,921	April 11, 1997	Nesbeth, Roleto E.	296/100.1